

Spy Agency Unspied On, Georgia Solon Not Worried

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 2—Activities of the super-spy Central Intelligence Agency apparently are no more of a worry to Georgia's lawmakers in Washington than are those of the girl next door.

The Georgians, while not flip-pant about spying activities, expressed confidence in the CIA. They don't view its highly secretive operation as a threat to the free society—an opinion heard sporadically around the country.

Most of the congressman feel this way although the CIA is such a super-spy operation that Congress as a whole does not know when it is appropriating funds—or how much to the organization.

ANY LURKING doubts that Georgia legislators might have about the CIA can be comforted by the fact that Sen. Richard B. Russell knows as much about the agency as anybody else in Congress.

Russell is chairman of the small group of senators who form the closest thing to a congressional supervisory group over the international spy organization.

The group knows where the CIA's money is hidden in appropriation bills and it has an ear to some operations, but not all.

THE CIA IS an organization which you can't talk much about, either because you don't know anything or because you do.

However, Russell said he believes the CIA is sticking to its proper job of "collecting information for the executive department."

He thinks the CIA makes mistakes, but that it is frequently criticized unjustly.

Sixth District Rep. Jack Flynt Jr., a member of the House Appropriations Committee, declared: "I'm not concerned one bit about the CIA," and that's all he had to say on the subject.

Fifth District Rep. Charles L. Weltner, a second-term congressman said he knows little about the CIA.

"It doesn't bother me much," Weltner said. "The thing that got me was that as you enter the foyer out there, engraved in stone is 'You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.'"

ANOTHER lawmaker, not a Georgian, explained the reason for the unspied-on system of Congress appropriating funds to the CIA with most members left in the dark.

He said all of Congress is not informed because all congressmen can't always be trusted with the nation's highest level security data.

There have been U. S. congressmen who were not given complete security clearance, he said.

Therefore, he explained, funds for the CIA are contained in hidden spots within the series of appropriation bills that flow through the House and Senate.

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